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Sass Jordan at the Nina! 'Tell Somebody' Intimate Salon

Juno Award-winning artist Sass Jordan is set to rock the Stollery Gallery on Friday, October 23. This intimate performance is the third in Nina's Salon Series, with past performance by Jane Siberry and Carole Pope. There are still a few tickets left for this close up musical experience with one of Billboard's Best Female Rock Vocalists and star of the off-Broadway play, Love Janis."

Originally from Montreal, Sass is an internationally recognized singer/songwriter with over a million CDs sold worldwide.

Unconfirmed rumour has it that Sass will be performing with hubby and lead vocalist for the Guess Who, Derek Sharp.

Tickets (\$125) are on sale at Tixon-the Square. Don't miss out!



Opening performance by Paul Woida

Alberta Education & Other Adventures on the Ave

(Top photo) Staff from Alberta Education kicked off the new school year with an inspiring retreat at the Nina. Their team was challenged to make their mark and feed their creative souls, spending part of the day making art inspired by Ulrike Rossier and connecting with artists in the Collective. It has been a busy stretch for tours. The Nina hosted two groups of conference goers meeting in our City, welcoming participants from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in June and Alberta Professional Planners institute in September.



Let us know if you spot this bus! From now until Christmas two buses will be on the road in SW and SE Edmonton. Popular Nina artist Ulrike Rossier is the featured artist.

SPOT OUR BUS AND TWEET TO #NINABUS OR POST ON FACEBOOK FOR A CHANCE TO WIN GREAT ART PRIZES!

Community Arts Outreach Programs are Back!

Nina's popular Community Art Night - a free weekly art class for adults - is back and going strong thanks to renewed support from the Jubilee Auditoria Society. Every week, participants have the chance to work in a variety of media. Upcoming glasses in glass fusion are already "sold out," so if you are interested in checking out a class be sure to call the centre to register.

Family Art night with Lorraine Shulba is also back in full force, providing families with school aged children the opportunity to engage in an activity everyone can enjoy.

The Nina is pleased to continue its partnership with CASA to offer Saturday art classes with

instructor Dennis Yowney, providing a creative outlet for children, youth and young adults diagnosed with autism.

Geared to provide local youth with a safe place to get inspired after school, the Nina is once again partnering with Crystal Kids and sponsor, the Urban Spirits Rotary Club, to offer a weekly art-based program.

Last, but certainly not least, the Nina offers a series of "Art Nights." For a fee, participants enjoy wine and appies while creating their own masterpiece. Each session is inspired by a piece of art created by an artist in the Nina studio Collective.



Community and Family Art Nights, Saturday CASA program, Crystal Kids and Nina Art Nights (our own special brand of "Paint Night"), are in full swing.

Here's Nina Goes Italian - Dinner Theatre at ICC

This year, guests of this popular event will enjoy an earlier start and a delicious three-course dinner while enjoying the on-stage antics of host Sheri Somerville, cast members from the Varscona Theatre and surprise guests. The event also welcomes back CTV's Josh Classen who will be broadcasting the weather live from the event. All this madcap mayhem will once again be produced by award winning playwright, producer and local treasure, Stewart Lemoine.

More than just a fantastic evening with friends, Honorary Chair Sarah Chan and our long-time Title Sponsor, World Stone Inc. are quick to remind Nina supporters that this evening is an incredibly important fundraising event, generating as much as 50% of our annual fundraising goal in a single night. Help us Create, Connect and Change Lives by buying your ticket (or table!) today.











Join the growing number of art lovers following us on social media. Stay current with what's new at Nina and help spread the word.

Stantec 'In the Community' Helping Nina Art & Artists Gain Public Recognition

Stantec is making a huge difference in the lives of Nina artists this year. The Stantec Artist of the Year project has made it possible for the Nina to tour the Scott Berry inspired installation exhibition Confusement to venues in Edmonton (Stollery Gallery, Stantec building and City Centre Mall), Spruce Grove and Calgary.

The latest incarnation of the exhibit opens on October 8 at the Spruce Grove Public Library with a number of dignitaries on hand and some interactive activities planned.

Fresh from a month in the Grove, the exhibit will then hit the road for the 6th annual Spark Disability Art Festival in Calgary (November 30-December 1).

Confusement will be exhibited in Loft 112, a Literary Creative Space in Calgary's East Village.

Scott Berry has been invited to take on the role of mentor and will be presenting a two-hour Interactive session with support from Nina Artistic Director, Paul Freeman.

This has been an ambitious project that engaged almost all of the 170 artists that work in the Nina studios each week. Each installation of the project is different, accommodating and reflecting the space it occupies, and takes days to install.

A project like this would not have been possible without the generous support of Stantec and a grant from the Edmonton Arts Council.





Stantec employees celebrated Stantec in the Community Day at the Nina, giving the gallery a fresh coat of paint and removing some that defaced our exterior walls...





...The Nina studios were thoroughly cleaned...event the kitchen sparkled!

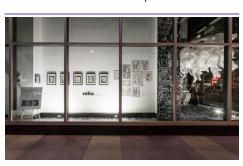
Congrats to K-Days Winners

Margaret Lee (right) and Jackie Meloche were the big winners in our K-Days draw for beautiful framed art pieces by Ulrike Rossier. The art work was on display in the Arts Forest Café area in the ballroom of the Edmonton Expo Centre at Northlands.

The Nina was pleased to partner with its neighbour Northlands once again during the exhibition.



Margaret Lee with artist Ulriki Rossier..



The "Confusement" installation inspired by the work of Stantec Artist of the Year, Scott Berry, found a new home during the month of August in street –level exhibition space located on the NE corner of City Centre Mall. The Exhibit was well received and Nina has been given the green light to program this space for the next twelve months! Watch the space for new work.

In the Stollery Gallery: The Artist Inside

Removing Barriers Through Art: 2nd Annual exhibit in partnership with Alberta Corrections and Synergy Inmate Phone Solutions

The Stollery Gallery is excited to present new work by inmates from Alberta Correctional and Young Offender facilities. Last year's exhibit garnered national attention and sparked interest to investigate a similar project in Nova Scotia. A testament to the transformational and healing power of art, each piece reflects the artist's journey, often revealing a redemptive quality that allows the viewer to relate to "the artist inside" in a new way. Please plan to attend the opening reception on Thursday, October 15. The show runs to October 31, 2015.





Reception Oct. 15, 2015

5 to 7 PM

Gallery Hours: Mon - Friday 10 AM— 2PM and SAT 1 - 3PM

Who's Who at the NINA

BOARD: Shelagh Kubish, Janice Kosak, Svetlana Pavlenko, Cecilia Bloxom, Heather Zwicker, James Morrissey, Bruce Kirkland, Jodi Eyolfson Noel Xavier and Roy Skoreko.

ARTISTIC STAFF: Sherri Chaba, Cynthia Sentara, Jill Stanton, Susan Seright, Brenda Kim Christiansen, Stephanie Dickie, Carolyn Gingrich and Brittney Roy, Amanda Powell, Dennis Yowney, Writer in Residence Jocelyn Brown, and Exhibition Coordinator David Janzen.

Exec. Director: Wendy Hollo; Artistic Director Paul Freeman; Director of Development: Rona Fraser; Community Liaison Stephanie Dickie.

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Busy Summer in the Stollery Gallery

Summer Republic III; The Globe We Nail (during The Works); Kaleido Family Arts Festival Gallery; RBC Emerging Artists Apprenticeship Exhibit; and The Art of Recovery. It doesn't get much more diverse than that.

Gallery goers experienced the healing power of art created by men recovering from addiction, a performance piece by RBC apprentice Alicia Proudfoot (assisted by Hillary Mussell), a satirical commentary in digital media by Juan Lopezdabdoub and new work by artists from the local community and Nina studios.

Nina's Stollery Gallery hosts up to 20 shows annually, bringing art and artists to public attention that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Wine, refreshments and live music at every opening—be sure to drop in and discover your new favourite artist.

